

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1357  
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A RESOLUTION designating May 10, 2006, as Tennessee Lupus Day.

WHEREAS, lupus is an autoimmune disease that causes tissue and organ damage to any organ in the body and, in some cases, causes death; and

WHEREAS, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and, each year, over one hundred thousand women, men, and children are diagnosed with lupus, a great majority of that number consisting of women of childbearing age; and

WHEREAS, medical research concerning lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

WHEREAS, many physicians worldwide are unaware of the symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, there is a deep need to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities throughout this State of the debilitating impact of lupus; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join in the observance of World Lupus Day, designating May 10, 2006, as Tennessee Lupus Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join with lupus organizations across the globe by calling for increases in funding in both the public and private sector in support of medical

research about lupus; targeted educational programs for health professionals, patients stricken with lupus, and the general public; and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.